

This from Percival S. Hill, head of the American Tobacco Company, means good news:

"The recent advance in cotton has produced a wonderfully good effect on the South, has been instrumental in helping the banks liquidate their loans and has changed the whole mental attitude of the South.

"Along the same lines, advances in the prices of tobacco are bringing about the same results in localities where tobacco is a dominating agricultural commodity. On good grades of tobacco the prices that are being brought today are considerably higher than they were last year, and they are now from 120 to 200 per cent higher than they were in 1914. I think information of this kind is constructive in its effects, and, in any event, I wanted you to know the facts in the case."

Nothing like solid fact to encourage the despondent. General talk of "better tone," "hopeful outlook," etc., means little. But "higher prices this year than last, 120 to 200 per cent above 1914 prices," makes the tobacco grower feel like plowing more acres and trading in his old automobile for a new one.

What has happened to the tobacco industry and to cotton may happen to other agricultural products, then to steel and other industries now torpid. The main thing is to keep out foreign competition, destructive to labor and industry here.

Dr. Rathenau, man of genius and of business, giving his time and power to the German republic, says:

"The more Germany works the more others must stop working." Millions of skilled German mechanics, forced by the peace terms to work on a Chinese labor basis, to pay foreign indemnity, threaten skilled labor and industry everywhere.

But, while sympathizing with the troubles of the new republic, this country must not forget the six letters that spell a solution of the problem—tariff.

A New York man is to have monkey glands planted in his body to restore youthful vigor. The doctor's picture is printed, also the face of the poor little kid-eyed eighteen-month-old ring-tailed monkey from Brazil. If the transplanted glands work, and give to man an extra supply of monkey energy, what of it, what use?

Strange that men feeling old and tired never do their "transplanting" in a public library. A few thoughts from the brains of able men transplanted in an average brain will work wonders. They bring youth, interest in life, new power, many things worth while, not found in the glands of any monkey. And you only open a book, instead of opening and vivifying a poor monkey, with a right to keep his own glands.

In one city both baseball teams won the league championship. Two New York teams will play against each other for the national championship. This writer will endeavor to cut and give an unenhanced account of the proceedings. Half a million requests for seats at any price have poured in. Thousands will strive to see eight men throwing, batting, and catching a ball that would not be much interested in the proceedings of the world's greatest scientific association.

And that is quite normal and right. We are, as a race, nearer to the animal, depending on agility for its safety, than to the scientist weighing, distant star, or discovering the electron construction of the atom. It is hard to believe now, but one day the half million will be more interested in the curve of a comet or the size of the great nebula in Orion than in Ruth's batting.

It is a great week for New York, huge city of placid, self-esteeming provincialism. She will have the double baseball championship and the ring-tailed monkey gland transplantation both in one week, and her capable taxing authorities value her real estate at more than ten thousand million dollars, not counting vast values held, tax free, by fraternal, charitable, religious, and other organizations. And the whole Manhattan Island was sold by the Indians for stuff worth less than \$100.

Foolish Indians? Do not say so. If they put out \$100 at 6 per cent compound interest when they made the sale they would have now more cash than New York is worth.

Moral: Save some money and invest it safely, compounding and re-compounding. Poverty is slavery, and compound interest is very interesting.

With "statesmen" and the committee on unemployment asking, "How far down can we bring wages?" it is a pleasure to hear some civilized talk from C. A. Eaton, of the big General Electric Company.

"High wages are the most economical thing in industry; workmen should earn a surplus above the mere cost of living; otherwise

Showers today; tomorrow fair and cooler; moderate south and southwest winds.
Temperature yesterday—Highest, 75; lowest, 47.

EASTLAKE TO USE ALIBI AS DEFENSE

Stillman Reconciliation Fails

SENATOR NEW, HARDING'S CLOSE FRIEND, INDORSES SALES TAX

REVISION BILL GETS HARD RAP

Action of Indianan Expected to Stampede Support to Smoot Plan.

By J. BART CAMPBELL.
International News Service.
Support of the pending tax revision bill received a jolt today when Senator New, of Indiana, one of the Republican leaders of the Senate closely associated with the Harding Administration, declared himself unqualifiedly in favor of the adoption of Senator Smoot's sales tax plan.

Move Is Significant.
"There is a strong and growing sentiment on the Republican side in favor of the substitution of Senator Smoot's plan for the pending measure," Senator New said. "I myself am doing all I can to further that sentiment, for I think Senator Smoot has formulated the right kind of a plan for the simplification of our present complicated and onerous tax system."

Considerable significance was attached to Senator New's declaration because of his intimate relations with President Harding.
It was also stated that the President is strongly inclined to pursue a policy of "hands off" the tax situation, and to permit the Senate to decide for itself what sort of tax legislation the country ought to have.

Opposed by Mellon.
Secretary Mellon is known to be opposed to the adoption of the Smoot manufacturers' sales tax of 3 per cent at this time.
It is understood, however, that neither Secretary Mellon nor Governor Pennock, Republican of Pennsylvania, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, has been able to prevail upon the President to use his influence to strengthen their opposition to the sales tax.

TAFT SWORN IN BY McKENNA AS CHIEF JUSTICE

Former President Takes Oath of Office With Hearty "I Will."

By International News Service.
Former President William Howard Taft became Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court a few minutes after 12 o'clock today.
The judicial oath, the final act of induction into office, was administered by Associate Justice McKenna, immediately after the opening of the court.

The appointment of Chief Justice Taft by President Harding was read by the clerk of the court. It credited the new chief justice with being from Connecticut.
Chief Justice Taft took the oath of office with a hearty and distinct "I will,"

congratulate you," said Associate Justice McKenna.

Immediately, Chief Justice Taft recognized Attorney General Daugherty, who announced the appointment of James M. Beck as Solicitor General, and presented him to the court.

EX-KING OF WURTEMBERG DIES OF BRONCHITIS
STUTTGART, Germany, Oct. 3.—Former King William II of Wurtemberg is dead.

Named Attorney For Rent Commission In District



CHAPIN BROWN.

CHAPIN BROWN IS NAMED LAWYER FOR RENT BOARD

Well Known Attorney Gets \$5,000 Berth Created in Extension Act.

Chapin Brown, Washington lawyer, today was appointed attorney for the Rent Commission. The appointment was announced by A. Leftwich Sinclair, chairman of the Commission. The position pays the same salary as that of District Commissioner, \$5,000 a year. Mr. Brown will hold office until the life of the Commission expires, May 22, 1922.

Knows Act Thoroughly.
Mr. Brown has been practicing before the Rent Commission since it was organized, and knows the rent act thoroughly. He has represented both landlords and tenants before the commission. It was this activity of his that prompted the commissioners to appoint him, because they said that the time was so short that if an attorney was appointed who was not thoroughly familiar with the law that the life of the commission would expire before he would be of any great value to the commission.

The appointment of an attorney for the commission was authorized when the extension of the life of the body was granted last August. Mr. Brown in his new duties will have to conduct several cases that are pending in the courts against the commission. The two principal ones are the Mammoth Hotel apartment house, which is now in the Court of Appeals, and the equity suit brought against the commission last week by Edward P. Merts, the owner of the Prince Karl apartment house, who is seeking to restrain the commission from collecting the excess rentals and penalties when he refused to obey the orders of the commission.

Active As Lawyer.
Mr. Brown is one of the leading members of the Washington bar and is a former president of the Bar Association. He has been general counsel for the chamber of commerce here since it was organized and is a former national Republican committeeman from the District.

He is president of the board of trustees of the Girls' Reform School, and has been active in the efforts to have the District given a voice in Congress through national representation. He was chairman of the committee that organized the Harding and Coolidge Club during the last election, and is a member of the board of trade, chamber of commerce, City Club and many other fraternal and civic organizations.

FIFTIETH DEAF EARS TO BANKER

Scorns Renewed Attempts at Reconciliation—Wants No Revival of Past.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Another startling denouncement has come in the Stillman case!
Alleged emissaries of James A. Stillman have approached representatives of Mrs. Anne Potter Stillman with the surprising information that the banker is willing to drop the charges against his beautiful wife, acknowledge the legitimacy of little Guy Stillman and resume life with Mrs. Stillman on one condition.

Will Concede "Guy."
This condition is that both plaintiff and defendant in the case issue public statements, his statement to be an acknowledgment of error. Mrs. Stillman's public word to be in effect: "My husband admits he was in error when he dragged our affairs into a public forum. But he was deceived by alleged evidence presented against me and our baby, Guy. Any one could have been deceived by the 'facts' presented to Mr. Stillman before he took court action."

Wife Refuses.
Astounding as the scope of the new proposals have proved to Mrs. Stillman, she wasted not a moment in returning this word to her husband's alleged emissaries:

"Tell Mr. Stillman that I am through with him now and forever. I have no use for him and no desire ever to see him again."
"Furthermore, I shall not accept anything but a court decision both for myself and Guy. My decision is final and absolute."

The latest "reconciliation offers" have been conveyed to the accused wife through John A. Garver, confidential attorney for the banker and head of the firm of Shearman & Sterling, which has represented the Stillman for two generations.
Mr. Garver's spokesman, it is said, was Clifford C. Roberts, attorney, of 27 Cedar street. Mr. Roberts was formerly associated with Shearman & Sterling and now represents the corporation that owns the building in which Mrs. Stillman makes her home.

Banker and Daughter.
The banker's desire for a reconciliation with his wife has been expressed in a variety of ways. Before her departure for Europe Miss Anne Stillman told of an incident that emphasized this. On one of the three occasions when she saw her father during the summer the banker took her to his new apartment in the uptown National City Bank building at Forty-second street and Madison avenue—site of the old Manhattan Hotel.
He astonished her by pointing out various rooms and saying casually: "This is your mother's boudoir, this room is for Bud," etc.

Beyond admitting that she had received such a reconciliation offer, Mrs. Stillman would not discuss the matter yesterday.

MAFIAS SUSPECTED IN SLAYING

Capitol Heights Police Seek Missing Wife of Aged Italian Grocer.

Admittedly baffled in their investigation of the brutal slaying of Vito Domico, proprietor of a general merchandise store at Capitol Heights, the authorities of Prince George's county today point to a number of theories which they believe will result in the capture of the Italian shopkeeper's slayer.

Alleged Bootlegger.
Domico is well known to the Washington police. For a number of years he ran a wholesale liquor business at 118 L street northwest. He also had been arrested for bootlegging after prohibition went into effect.
One of the theories of the police authorities is that Domico had been slain by someone who went to his store in search of liquor. Another theory is that the motive for the slaying was robbery of Domico's funds. It is said he was independently wealthy. Search also is being made today for the wife of Domico, from whom he had been separated for more than sixteen years. Efforts are being made to learn whether the Italian had been divorced from his wife.

Printer Finds Body.
Domico's body was found shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning by P. C. Howell, a printer, who lives in the vicinity. He had been backed to death. Howell claims to have gone to the store, which is located at Orway avenue near Sixty-first street, at 10 o'clock to get a pound of lard.

"I found the store closed," said Howell this morning, "and, going to a side door, found it partially open. I walked in, shouting 'Vito, aren't you up yet?' I received no reply, and, walking into a room in the rear of the store, found Domico lying on the floor in a pool of blood."
After making the gruesome discovery, Howell said, he notified F. E. Walker, another neighbor. Justice of the Peace John E. Weant and Dr. A. R. Mackenzie, of Capitol Heights, were summoned.
Dr. Mackenzie found that the Italian had suffered six stab wounds in the vicinity of the heart. His throat also was cut in three places, and the back of his skull had been broken and cut open. Dr. Mackenzie gave it as his opinion that Domico had been killed.

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LOU TELLEGEN AND FARRAR RIFT BLAMED ON FISH

Film Colony Points to Letter in Explanation of Matrimonial Break.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 3.—The Sphynx-like silence that has shrouded the matrimonial misadventures of Gertrude Tellegen and Lou Farrar was broken here today when rumors in the Hollywood film colony blamed it all on fish.

Here is the letter: "Dear Skeleton: I feel sure that before many moons you will be constrained to open a special cozy corner for the ladies, where we may take our troubles and ask the benefit of experienced advice."

"May I presume to trespass upon your kindness, asking for counsel in a matter of serious moment?" "Since Cupid's arrow has been metamorphosed into the vulgar tuna hook, our domestic tranquility has been troubled indeed. My otherwise docile helpmate seeks the dubious company of tempters, the allurements of the ocean fastnesses where the fish and not the mermaids disappear."

"The glorious Fourth nearly became a lonely vigil for me. As it was, the firecrackers were dampened by my tears. Cannot something be done?" "Your tearful and despairing."

"ERMVTRUDE TELLEGEN."
Rumor had it, following publication, that Mrs. Lou Tellegen took "Gertrude" Farrar's letter in anything but a kindly spirit. To him, it is said, it had the questionable flavor of airing private differences in public.
Friends, however, said it was but the diplomatic move of a devoted wife who wished to convey a warning to her husband without creating a domestic scene.

COLOR LIST ANNOUNCED FOR NEW WINTER HATS
NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Belladonna, periwinkle, rubellite, concord, mimosa, tinfire, lark, cactus, pumpkin, under, canna. It sounds like a home brew prescription. But it is only a list of the new colors for winter hats, as announced by the Eastern Millinery Association.
They were described as follows: Belladonna, reddish purple, periwinkle, corn flower blue, rubellite, fuchsia shade, concord, a purple, mimosa, goldenrod yellow, lark, Dresden blue, bonfire, a cardinal, lark, light fawn, canna, a green, pumpkin, brilliant orange, cinder, French gray, and canna, a terra cotta.

Slain Groceryman In Front Of Store Vito Domico at His Capitol Heights Place.



M'CORMICK QUIT WIFE, DAUGHTER OF ROCKEFELLER

Living Under Separate Roofs, He Says—She Denies Separation.

CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—Harold F. McCormick and his wife, the daughter of John D. Rockefeller, are separated.
Mr. McCormick himself confirmed the rumor in writing today at his estate in Lake Forest. Both he and Mrs. McCormick arrived in Chicago from Europe Saturday on separate trains, but his presence here was kept secret.

It had been announced in New York that both would return to Chicago on the Twentieth Century Limited to prove that rumors of their separation were unfounded.
When only Mrs. McCormick's party stepped from the train there were inquiries, especially as Mr. McCormick's New York representative had assured reporters that his employer was on the train and had sent him two telegrams on the way to Chicago.

On her own part, Mrs. McCormick again denied the rumors of separation and characterized them as ridiculous.
"Mr. Harold McCormick declines to make any statement beyond confirming the report that he and his wife are not living under the same roof."

\$1,000,000 CARUSO FUND FOR EDUCATING SINGERS
NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—An organization has been formed to perpetuate the memory of Enrico Caruso by establishing an annual musical scholarship and prizes. It is called the Caruso American Memorial Foundation and will attempt to raise a fund of \$1,000,000.

News of the project was made public yesterday, together with the names of many prominent musical patrons. Officers will be elected at a meeting to be held within the next two weeks, presided over by Antonio Stella, the tenor's personal physician.
Promising young American singers of both sexes, will be beneficiaries of the fund.

DAUGHERTY TO ANNOUNCE POLICY OF U. S. ON KLAN
Attorney General Daugherty will make a statement tomorrow on the course to be followed by the Department of Justice with regard to the Ku Klux Klan. It was announced today.

The Attorney General has considered all requests for Federal investigation of the organization and the evidence gathered by the department and will be prepared tomorrow to announce his course.

BRITISH IDLE WARNED AGAINST SOCIAL REVOLT
LONDON, Oct. 3.—Speaking at Sunderland, James Henry Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaysmen and Labor member of Parliament, warned the workers against a social upheaval as a remedy for unemployment.

"At no time during the war," he said, "did the situation look so black and dangerous as now. The next few months will be the most difficult period for the leaders."

ROBBERS TIE VICTIM IN BATHTUB AT HOTEL
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 3.—J. Q. Hiers, New York salesman, was discovered in the bath tub of a hotel here yesterday with his hands tied to the faucet of the bathtub, where he had been placed, he told detectives, by intruders who robbed him of \$50 and diamonds valued at \$5,500.

GOVERNOR ASSISTS IN EFFORT TO FIX GUILT

Delegates Richmond Fingerprint Experts to Examine Beach "Murder Instruments."

By KIRK C. MILLER.
Times Staff Correspondent.

COLONIAL BEACH, Oct. 3.—Roger D. Eastlake's defense, when he is tried finally with Miss Sara Knox for the murder of Mrs. Eastlake last Friday morning, will be an attempt to prove an alibi, according to his attorney, Thomas Hunter, member of the Virginia house of delegates from King George's county.

It will be shown that Mrs. Eastlake was killed between the time Eastlake kissed his wife goodby, about 5:40 o'clock last Friday morning, and the hours that Miss Knox claimed she discovered the body in the kitchen of the Eastlake home.

Governor Takes Hand.
Hunter will leave Fredericksburg tonight at 7:30 o'clock to consult with Eastlake's relatives in Philadelphia. Fingerprint experts from Richmond, Va., are expected to arrive here this afternoon by automobile from Fredericksburg. They are coming at the behest of Gov. Westcott Davis, who has interested himself in the case.

The waterfront at Colonial Beach will be dragged immediately in an effort to find a suit of navy fatigue clothes, in which it was customary for Eastlake to report for duty at the Dahlgren proving grounds.

Citizens Comb Beach.
If these can be located, it is thought they will reveal bloodstains indicative of a struggle with the victim of last Friday morning's murder.

Clusters of residents have been constantly combing the beach in hopes some shred of the "murder clothes" would be washed ashore.

Eastlake walked from his home to the Colonial Beach pier to take a boat for Dahlgren, and it is thought that these clothes, which it is known he owned, were either hidden in the bushes underneath the boardwalk dancing pavilion or thrown into the river.

Every inch of the ground between Eastlake's home and the Colonial Beach pier has been beaten for this bit of evidence, which Commonwealth Attorney Watt Mayo is anxious to obtain in order to complete his case. The furniture was examined to the grand jury at Montross on Monday, October 24.

In connection with the hunt for the "murder clothes," it is a significant fact that when forced to strip for examination following his arrest, Eastlake was garbed in a spotlessly fresh blue uniform, used for dress purposes, and his other clothes were so recently laundered that the creases from ironing process were still discernible.

Kitchen Walls Stained.
Those who have seen the blood-stained condition of the kitchen of the Eastlake home, in which the crime was perpetrated, are sure that the deed could not have been committed without everybody in the room having been thoroughly saturated with blood.

Large splashes of crimson were not only on the walls and ceiling, but on the furniture, china, and cooking utensils.

It is known that Eastlake owned a suit which he wore for second best, and this outfit has not been found in his effects. An undershirt, belonging to him was found in an outbuilding, but it bore no blood marks.

The Times correspondent personally inspected the suit in which Eastlake was arrested. It was hanging on the wall of his cell. All of his articles of wearing apparel, including the white-crowned cap, were in a neat and orderly condition.

Mrs. Tom Boulwer, wife of Special Detective Boulwer, first officer to reach the scene of the crime, and Mrs. Mina D. Atley, both of whom were detailed by local officials to examine the person of Miss Knox at the time of her detention, are authority for the statement that blotches of blood were found on Miss Knox's clothing. Some of them were very plainly seen on her white linen collar and waist during the inquest.

Nurse Offers Alibi.
The woman prisoner explained away the presence of blood on her garments by declaring that on discovering the body of Mrs. Eastlake, she examined the body and felt for her heart action and her pulse. This act she attributed to the fact she is a practicing trained nurse.

In order to connect Eastlake with the actual assistance in the winding of any instrument or the striking of any blows, the prosecution feels it must find garments which it is known he